

## Tunis prepares to receive PLO

TUNIS (R) — A special committee chaired by Tunisian Interior Minister Driss Guiga has been preparing for the past week for the arrival of the first batch of Palestinian fighters from Lebanon. Informed sources said that up to 850 commandos were expected to be accommodated in a camp 100 kilometres north-west of Tunis. Palestinian leaders and their families would be housed in the suburbs of Tunis. The Tunisian authorities had agreed to Palestinian Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat's wish to come to Tunis, the sources said.

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## Soviets speed up work on pipeline

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet planners have speeded up construction of the East-West gas pipeline but some ministries were finding it difficult to meet the challenge, Izvestia said Wednesday. Workers had already completed a 500-kilometre stretch of the 4,500-kilometre project, which will pipe gas from Western Siberia to Western Europe, the government newspaper said. The controversial multi-billion deal has been the target of trade sanctions by the Reagan administration because of martial law in Poland. Izvestia said it had been decided to complete 800 kilometres by the end of the year — a target originally set for 1983. But it quoted a high-level construction official as chastising several ministries, including the construction ministry, which he said "have still not reorganized their work in the spirit of meeting the increased demands."

## U.S. congressmen not to face charges of illicit sex

WASHINGTON (R) — Federal officials will drop an investigation into allegations of illicit sex by Congress members because of lack of evidence, Justice Department officials said Wednesday. But the officials said authorities are still looking into allegations of illegal drug dealing in Congress, an issue that has been pending before a federal grand jury. At the same time a separate congressional inquiry into both the sex and drug allegations is going ahead. The investigation of alleged sexual misconduct by members of Congress was prompted by allegations from three former congressional messengers that members had solicited sex from teenage boy messengers. No conclusive evidence was turned up in a preliminary inquiry by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the matter never went to a grand jury, the officials said.

## Massive strike threatens Bignone

BUENOS AIRES (R) — President Reynaldo Bignone faced his first challenge from the trade unions Wednesday when a 24-hour strike by bus drivers and railwaymen brought public transport throughout Argentina to a virtual halt. The stoppage, in support of wage demands, was the first major successful strike since the armed forces consolidated their rule shortly after seizing power in 1976. It went ahead after the failure of last-minute negotiations Tuesday night between the bus drivers' union and the labour ministry and despite a decision by moderate train drivers' leaders to call it off.

## Iran continues campaign against summit in Baghdad

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — An Iranian special envoy said Wednesday Iran would support any Asian Muslim country offering itself as an alternative venue for the non-aligned summit due originally to be held in Baghdad next month. The envoy, Hossein Shokhshouli, told reporters Iran opposed holding the summit in Baghdad and was also against holding a pre-conference meeting in the Iraqi capital to decide on a fresh venue. Speaking after a meeting with Malaysian Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafee, he said Iran would not object to a pre-conference meeting at the United Nations, Cuba or Algeria. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had not week that Iraq would not insist on holding the summit, but it still wanted a preparatory foreign ministers' meeting to be held in Baghdad as scheduled.

## St. Helens erupts

SEATTLE (R) — Mount St. Helens volcano, which killed 61 people and destroyed 150 homes two years ago, erupted again Wednesday, but the U.S. Geological Survey reported no damage. Earthquakes have been recorded in the area during the past week and an area of 280 kilometres around the 2,950-square-metre

## Lebanese left, Muslims united against Gemayel's bid to replace Sarkis

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon's leftists moved Wednesday to head off the election of a rightist militia commander to replace President Elias Sarkis, whose six-year term ends Sept. 23.

Right-wing militia commander Bashir Gemayel, the only declared candidate, gained a head-start when former President Camille Chamoun pledged his parliamentary bloc would vote for him.

Mr. Chamoun's choice upset the Muslim and leftist communities, which regard Mr. Gemayel, 34, as a partisan candidate blessed by the Israeli occupation of Lebanon.

Muslim leaders met at the home of former Prime Minister Saeb Salam in besieged west Beirut and later announced they would boycott any session of parliament until a compromise candidate emerged.

Mr. Salam raised the prospect of renewed civil war Tuesday when he told reporters the consequences would be disastrous if the Muslim population felt it was being bullied into accepting a president opposed to its interests.

### Parliamentary process

But Mr. Salam failed to persuade Mr. Chamoun to suggest an alternative to Mr. Gemayel who, Falangist Party sources said, already had the backing of 49 out of the 92 parliamentary deputies.

Mr. Chamoun is president of the right-wing mainly Christian alliance known as the Lebanese Front, of which the Falangist Party is the senior partner.

According to Parliament spe-

## Iraqis shell Kharg Island

LONDON (R) — Iraqi forces shelled Iran's main oil terminal on Kharg Island in the Gulf Wednesday, the Iraqi embassy in London said quoting a military spokesman.

The embassy press office gave no details of damage or casualties but said Iraqi forces had avoided hitting foreign oil tankers during the bombardment.

The military spokesman, quoted by the embassy, said the attack was a warning to the Iranian government to avoid shelling Iraqi civilians in Basra, Khamaqin and Mandali.

Iraqi forces avoided hitting the

foreign tankers as some of them might not have received special instructions from their owners or governments after Iraq declared the area a military exclusion zone, the spokesman added.

Some foreign oil tankers were unloading at the terminal during Wednesday's attack and others were approaching the island's loading area, he said.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said on Sunday that foreign ships using Iranian ports faced attack by his planes.

Kharg Island is 160 kilometres south of the head of the Gulf.

## 4 shot dead, 37 injured as Bombay police strike

BOMBAY (R) — Four people were killed and 37 injured Wednesday when para-military forces fired on striking policemen in Bombay, India's biggest commercial centre, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The policemen were demanding higher pay, allowances and promotion.

But the movement became violent and the Maharashtra state government called in army and para-military units, ordering them to shoot trouble-makers on sight.

Scores of buses and taxis were set ablaze or damaged by stone-throwing protesters. Bombay Police Commissioner J.F. Ribeiro said the government would put down the violence ruthlessly.

## Hundreds secretly executed in Tehran

PARIS (R) — The Iranian underground Mujahedeen-e-Khalq organisation said Wednesday that firing squads had executed hundreds of political prisoners in Tehran's Evin Prison after secret trials over the past three days.

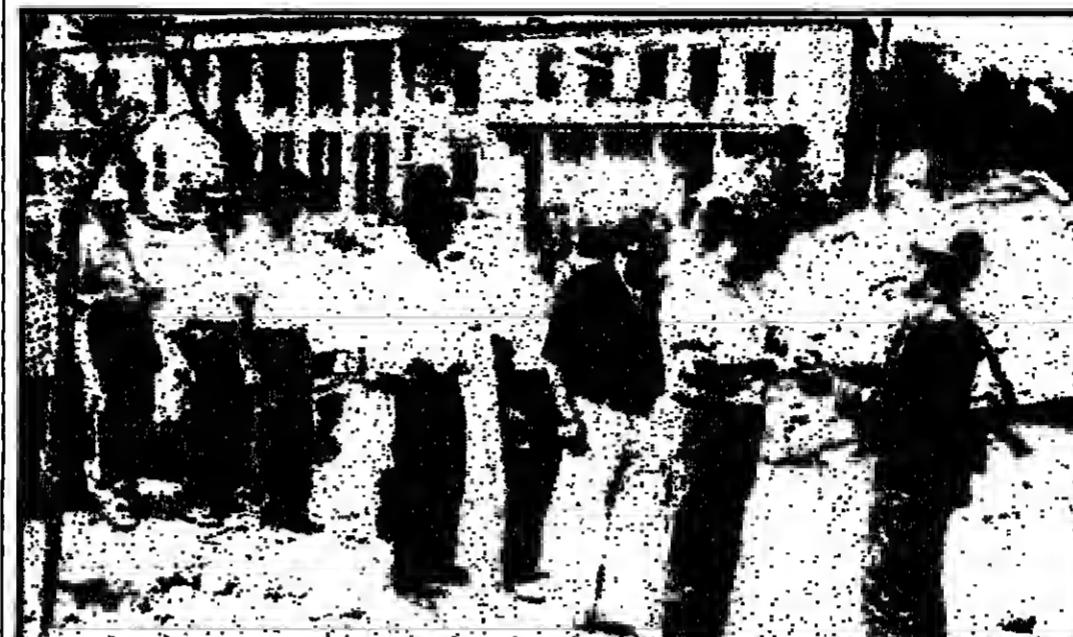
A statement from the Paris office of the movement said monitored radio conversations between revolutionary guards showed that hundreds of corpses had been taken by truck to the outskirts of Tehran and buried at night.

Exiled Iranian sources said this week that firing squads had shot 70 officers recently after swift trials in connection with a coup plot lead by former Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzaadeh.

Tehran newspapers Wednesday said Iranian security forces had smashed a rebel group based in the dense forests near the Caspian Sea by capturing 100 rebels.

Leading members of the Union of Communists of Iran, a Marxist

## Israeli cabinet to study final agreement on PLO withdrawal



A Lebanese army soldier Wednesday checks the identity papers of Lebanese civilians as they cross the Green Line dividing east and west Beirut. Israeli forces gave up positions in the area to Lebanese army on Tuesday (A.P. wirephoto)

## U.N. studies draft resolutions denouncing 'Israeli aggression'

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. General Assembly Wednesday examined three draft resolutions, each highly critical of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, as an emergency session of the 157-nation body neared a climax.

Nearly 40 countries were listed to speak in what has become a virtual parade of attacks on Israel for its invasion of Lebanon and its violent campaign against Palestinian fighters in besieged west Beirut.

One of the draft proposals, tabled by Qatar, would condemn Israel for not complying with recent Security Council resolutions and would reaffirm rejection of any plan aimed at resettling the Palestinians "outside their homelands."

Another, submitted by Kuwait, would establish a date in June as "the International Day of Inn-

## Khaddam, Fahd confer

BAHRAIN (R) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam conferred Wednesday with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, the Saudi Press Agency said.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal attended the meeting at the Saudi summer capital of Taif.

It gave no reason for Mr. Khaddam's visit, which followed the visit to Damascus on Sunday by Prince Saud, believed to have been connected with plans for an Arab League summit meeting.

Prince Saud later visited Jordan.

There has been intense diplomatic activity following Israel's invasion of Lebanon on June 6 to reconvene the summit held in Fez, Morocco, in November last year. It was cut short because of disagreement over a Saudi Middle East peace plan.

League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi left Rabat Wednesday after conferring with King Hassan about the Arab foreign ministers and summit conferences to be held in Morocco.

Mr. Klibi also met Foreign Minister M'Barek Boucetta to discuss arrangements for the meetings, due to start on Aug. 28 and Sept. 6 respectively.

## UNIFIL mandate extended

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. Security Council Tuesday voted to extend for two months the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), giving it a role in that beleaguered country until next Oct. 19.

The extension was passed by 13 votes to none, with two abstentions, at a three-minute meeting without debate.

The Soviet Union and Poland abstained.

The text of the resolution was negotiated by council President Noel Dorr of Ireland in two consultative sessions.

UNIFIL's current mandate, which had been due to run out on Thursday, was last extended shortly after Israel's June 6 invasion of Lebanon.

Tuesday's vote was a further interim measure, pending a permanent decision on UNIFIL's status, which the council agreed it would "consider fully" before the end of the newly-agreed extension.

In addition to extending the peace-keeping duties of the 11-nation, 7,000-strong force, the council authorised UNIFIL to provide humanitarian assistance in southern Lebanon.

On Monday, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar had recommended an extension, in a report which stressed that UNIFIL already was deeply involved in such humanitarian duties as providing food, water and medical supplies to Lebanese civilians.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar's report said another UNIFIL task had been destroying or defusing unexploded mines and bombs. This work had been carried out by a French engineering company, one of whose members was fatally wounded while defusing a cluster bomb, he said.

UNIFIL comprises troops from Fiji, France, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Nepal, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal and Sweden.

## U.S., France await request from Lebanon for forces

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States and France Wednesday were awaiting a formal request from Lebanon for the dispatch of a multinational military force to oversee the withdrawal of Palestinian fighters from besieged west Beirut.

U.S. State Department spokesman Alan Romberg told reporters no request had arrived yet but said: "I think we are very close."

In Paris, officials said France was awaiting such a request before announcing transport details for the lead contingent of French troops.

Reports from French garrison towns said paratroopers based in Corsica and southwest France were due to fly to Cyprus Thursday en route to Beirut.

These call for Israel's complete withdrawal from those areas it has occupied during its 10-week-old invasion of Lebanon.

Questioned on whether any problems remained with the Habib plan, Mr. Wazzan said: "I don't believe there are any problems. We have removed all the obstacles."

Asked if Israel had agreed to all points of the agreement worked out between Mr. Habib and the Lebanese government, the prime minister replied: "Yes."

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin Wednesday received the American plan and the Israeli government is expected to end-

their hands on suspects.

Police have had no apparent success so far in tracing those responsible for four bomb attacks on Jewish-owned property in Paris over the past month despite extensive knowledge of Action Directe's membership.

'PLO has a right to fight'

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin last week accused Mr. Mitterrand, a long-standing supporter of Israel, of fomenting a climate of anti-Semitism with his criticism of Israeli actions in Lebanon.

Mr. Mitterrand said not even Mr. Begin's remarks could turn him into an adversary of Israel.

He recalled that he had addressed the Knesset (parliament), that he regularly called on Arab leaders to recognise Israel and that he had maintained that France could not formally recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) until it gave up

## Habib plan endorsed by Lebanon

BEIRUT (Agencies) — The Lebanese cabinet Wednesday decided to request an international force to be deployed in Lebanon as part of a Palestinian withdrawal plan which was expected to be endorsed by the Israeli government Thursday.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan told reporters after a cabinet meeting: "The cabinet agreed to the plan which we prepared with (U.S. special envoy Philip) Habib for the departure of the Palestinians and to save the capital, Beirut."

Asked whether the cabinet had agreed to request the international force, expected to be made up of troops from the United States, France and Italy, Mr. Wazzan said: "The cabinet has agreed that the request should be made."

"I believe we will be able to start implementing the plan at the end of this week," he added.

Foreign Minister Fuad Butros told reporters he would communicate the Lebanese government's formal request for troops to the ambassadors of the countries involved Thursday.

"I hope that the schedule will be implemented as of Saturday or Sunday," he said.

Mr. Wazzan said the cabinet had made its decision on the understanding that the evacuation plan should be the first step to implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 508 and 509.

These call for Israel's complete withdrawal from those areas it has occupied during its 10-week-old invasion of Lebanon.

Israeli officials had also said that Israel was waiting to hear whether Syrian forces in Beirut would leave with the commandos, as it wanted, or immediately afterwards.

### Flare-up

The Israeli army said Wednesday that two Israeli soldiers were killed and four wounded in an overnight ambush in Abadiya, 13 kilometres east of the city.

It added that Israeli and PLO forces exchanged fire with small arms and bazookas in the Bekaa Valley. Two commandos had been killed and three captured when they tried to infiltrate Israeli-controlled territory there.

Israeli troops also killed one commando and captured three others who tried to infiltrate Israeli-controlled territory northeast of Sidon, it added.

The army said it had captured 296 Syrian soldiers since it invaded Lebanon on June 6 and added that Red Cross officials were being allowed to visit them.

what he said was an "obsession with destroying Israel."

But he said the PLO was an organisation with a legitimate right to fight and added that France's policy over Beirut was aimed at securing the PLO's honourable withdrawal from the city.

Mr. Mitterrand said he believed Mr. Begin's remarks about anti-Semitism stemmed from ignorance of France and its leaders.

"It is not healthy, it is not just, to accuse France of having wanted to practise in this business an anti-Semitism which repels me," he said.

But Mr. Begin Tuesday criticised Mr. Mitterrand for saying that the PLO had the right to fight.

"Our friend, President Mitterrand knows the facts, how the PLO fights, that it murders innocent women and children," Mr. Begin said in a press statement.

"I was, therefore, surprised President Mitterrand did not include any objections in his remarks."

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- Fine, any news?  
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- Great.

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- Hi, how are you?

- Fine, and you?

- Fine etc...

This is in short the way social receptions are spent. Standing, somehow bothered by too high heels, a tightly fitting dress (funny how one can gain weight in two weeks) a complicated hairstyle, these ladies very often listen distractedly to what you are telling them.

Too busy recording who is with who and what is so and so wearing, they talk to you just for the sake of being something. Their eyes roam from one corner of the room to the other resting a while on this group or that but never really looking at you. Should you one day happen to be in the presence of such ladies during a reception, it would be funny to try this conversation and watch the results:

- Hi, how are you?

- Bed, and you?

- Fine, any news?

- My mother-in-law has died, my son is in prison because he wounded his friend and my daughter eloped with the driver.

- Great.

Of course I am exaggerating, but I believe I am not very far from the truth. I bet you that during a reception you can say the most extraordinary things in a monotonous voice and nobody would argue.

## Development seminar to be held at Chamber of Industry

By Riyad Ahmad

AMMAN — A two-day development seminar will be held at the Chamber of Industry on Aug. 21 under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Basma.

Participants, who represent a wide range of professions like engineering, medicine, economy and sociology, will meet to discuss major issues of Jordanian development.

The first day session, chaired by Mrs. Iman Al Mufti minister of

social development, includes topics like social defence and the educational system, education and training for women, socio-economic consequences of the demand for medical services and demographic trends in national planning. The second day session chaired by Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber, chairman of the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund includes topics on the consequences of rapid population growth on development and poverty and its effects on development.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Swedes to help solve road problem

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-member Swedish team of specialists arrived here Wednesday to help the Ministry of Public Works in tackling road problems due to incorrect use of asphalt mixtures. A ministry spokesman said studies are under way for introducing pay-load systems designed to lessen damage to roads due to excessive loads on vehicles.

### Yugoslavia's ambassador meets Dudin

AMMAN (Petra) — Yugoslavia's Ambassador to Jordan Dusan Zavasnik Wednesday called on Agriculture Minister Marwan Dudin. They discussed cooperation between Yugoslavia and Jordan in agricultural affairs.

### JD 1m in loans to Mafraq farmers

MAFRAQ (Petra) — The Agricultural Credit Corporation's branch here granted farmers in Mafraq District a total of JD 1.04 million since the beginning of this year. It said that the loans were used for the purchase of farm equipment, the construction of poultry farms and the drilling of artesian wells. Last year, the branch granted farmers a total of JD 1.362 million for similar projects.

Archaeological finds made in Al Hasa

AMMAN (Petra) — The Department of Antiquities Wednesday announced the discovery of several archaeological sites in Al Hasa region in southern Jordan dating back to the Old Stone Age, the Nabatean, Roman and Byzantine eras. Department Director Adnan Al Hadidi said the sites contain ancient houses, walls, irrigation canals and agricultural installations. The ancient finds came as a result of excavations conducted by joint Canadian Jordanian archaeological teams, he said. According to Dr. Hadidi the new finds have been photographed and recorded prior to preparing archaeological maps for further excavation.

### 8702 engineers registered in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The total number of Jordanian engineers registered with the Jordan Engineers Association stood at 8702 until the end of July 1982, according to an association bulletin. The bulletin says the number of civil engineers were 3636, architects 714, electrical engineers 178, mechanical engineers 1560, mining engineers 306, technological engineers 135 and 51 licensed experts in engineering.

### Labour education seminar to open

AMMAN (Petra) — A special two week course for supervisors of labour education centres in Arab countries is due to open here on Monday. Participants will hear lectures on labour education, its objectives, labour legislation, social security for labourers and agreements pertaining to the Arab Labour Organisation. At least 40 researchers in labour-related affairs from various Arab states are expected to take part in the course.

### Madaba to vaccinate cattle

MADABA (Petra) — The agricultural Department here Wednesday launched a week-long campaign for vaccinating cows in the region against Rinderpest. According to department Director Saeed Haddadin all cows in the Madaba District and villages around the town will be vaccinated against the disease.

## Jordanian workers prefer Jordan Radio, Television

By a Jordan Times Special Correspondent

AMMAN — The Arabic service of Jordan Television (Channel Three) and Radio Jordan occupy the first place among Jordanian workers in terms of exposure and preference of programmes, according to a study recently conducted on Jordanian workers, their media exposure and attitudes towards some development issues.

The study, conducted by some staff members and students at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Yarmouk University, shows that 67 per cent of the 600-samples watch Channel Three regularly, while 68 per cent listen to Radio Jordan (Arabic service) on a regular basis.

"Serials and series are the programmes of Jordanian workers (34.4 per cent), while news and news programmes come next with 30.3 per cent of the total sample," the study indicated. The research attributes the high viewing percentage of serials and series to the workers' need for rest and entertainment after a fully working day. On the other hand, the timing of those serials and series fits the favourite viewing times of the workers which happen to come in the middle of JTV peak viewing hours (between 8:00-10:00 p.m.).

"It has been noted that the two local programmes (*Hareb Abu Awwad* and *Bainy Wa Bainak*) have been placed at the top of the scale by the target audience, and this could help us in drawing out any plans related to development and labour education," the study says.

But while exposure to entertainment and news programmes was reported high by the study, it has been indicated that family and labour-oriented programmes broadcast by Jordan Television do not enjoy the same standard of viewing. The study shows that only 4.7 per cent of the sample watch family and labour-related programmes, and according to the study, this low viewing rate is due to the absence of regular periodic programmes dealing with the same subject.

On radio listening, the study shows that the Arabic service of the BBC comes in the second place after Radio Jordan with 10 per cent, and Syrian Radio with 6 per cent.

The study also indicated that news and news programmes are the favourite radio shows among Jordanian workers (42 per cent)

while the Live Transmission programme enjoys 15 per cent of the sample.

The high news listening rate is mainly due to the growing desire among Jordanian workers to know more about events taking place in the region in an updated form.

Unlike programmes broadcast by Jordan Television, family and labour-related programmes on Radio Jordan are enjoyed by a large audience (12 per cent). But the study considers this percentage relatively low when compared with news programmes Live Transmission and variety shows. The study attributes the high listening rate to family and labour-oriented programmes over Radio Jordan by the large audience to the existence of a regular programme dealing with labour and family related issues.

The study also tackled Jordanian workers' exposure to local and regional newspapers. Which come in third place after television and radio. Of those who read newspapers, 53.5 per cent do it regularly while 14.2 per cent read them intermittently.

Besides the workers' exposure to the Jordanian media, the study also dealt with their attitudes towards some development issues. The study shows that 62.2 per cent of the sample believe that the ideal family would be made of five to six persons. The sample workers have attributed those attitudes to the soaring standard of living, and their desire to have better opportunities to raise and educate their children.

Concerning the usage of birth control methods, the study shows that the majority of the sample are aware of such methods. Although 34 per cent of the sample have used those methods, this would not be considered as an actual indicator for the decreasing use of birth control methods," the study argues. It says that a large proportion of the sample who are aware of the birth control methods do not use those methods because they are single.

When asked about their income, 22 per cent of the sample expressed satisfaction with their salaries, while 78 per cent did not. Ironically, 69 per cent of the sample said they are happy with their salaries regardless of their salaries.

The study, the first research of its kind in Jordan, has come up with several recommendations calling for the full utilisation of all available mass media channels to propagate social awareness.



### Police arrest youth gang

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Police have announced the capture of a gang of robbers, all young men 17-18 years of age.

A report in Wednesday's issue of Al Ra'i newspaper, quoting a police spokesman, said the four member band had committed several burglaries, mostly in Amman and its surrounding areas.

The gang had broken into stores in Jabal Ashrafieh, Wilhdat and Khrebet Al Souq, on Amman's southern outskirts, and stole unidentified items of goods.

According to the report the four youths stole a pick-up truck to carry away their loot.

### First aid centres to be built on Ghor-Aqaba Highway

AMMAN (Petra) — The Civil Defence Directorate has approved a bid for the construction of two first-aid centres in Jiza and Beer Madkour on the Ghor Safi-Aqaba Road. The project is estimated to cost JD 80,000 and will be devoted to rendering medical aid for emergency cases only, caused by traffic accidents.

Maj.-Gen. Khaled Al Tarawneh, director-in-chief of the Civil

Defence said that the construction of the two centres comes within a Civil Defence Directorate plan to expand its services so as to include the various districts of the Kingdom.

### Scouts clean up Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — Al Yarmouk Sports Club Wednesday organised a one day cleanliness campaign in Amman. The club's scouts cleaned streets on Jabal Amman, removed rubbish and dug tree beds along the streets of the city.

Early next month Amman Governorate scouts will organise a scout camping at the national park

of Dibbin near Jerash.

Nearly 50 scouts will take part in the three-day camp where they will get training in scout activities and will carry out a general cleanliness campaign around in and around the park. The ministry of tourism and antiquities will organise this camp.

### Cleanliness campaign starts in Karak Governorate

KARAK (Petra) — Ghor Al Mazah Municipality in Karak Governorate Wednesday began a five-day cleanliness campaign.

The campaign also entails cleaning and repairing all irrigation

canals in the district. Also in the Karak Governorate, a tender has been awarded to a local company for asphalt paving 29741 square metres in villages surrounding Karak at the cost of JD 60,560. Twelve villages are involved.

## Jordanian-Romanian trade agreement to be enforced

AMMAN (Petra) — Copies of an agreement between the Central Bank and the Romanian Foreign Trade Bank have been distributed to all customs posts in Jordan to be put in force immediately.

Under the agreement which aims at facilitating the payments for goods exchanged between the two countries, revenues of Jordan

danian phosphates sold to Romania will be used to pay for imported Romanian goods.

The circular sent to the customs posts requests that no imported Romanian products should be cleared unless their price have been paid up from the special phosphate account at the Romanian Foreign Trade Bank.

## King visits army headquarters

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces Wednesday called at the army headquarters here and held a brief meeting with the Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

The King also met with the army chief of staff Faiz Abu Taleb and other senior officers.

## 102 families get social security benefits

AMMAN (Petra) — The Social Security Corporation (SSC) paid JD 42,000 in pension salaries to 102 families covered by the SSC

holidays in the first half of 1982, an SSC spokesman said Wednesday.

According to the spokesman, 59 families were paid pension due to the death of the head of the family due to natural causes and 22 families were paid pension for the death of the head of the family due to injuries sustained in the course of his work and the rest received pension salaries for injuries sustained during work.

Beneficiaries of natural deaths normally receive 50 per cent of the total salary of the deceased person and those beneficiaries due to occupational injuries receive 60 per cent of the total salary of the deceased.

During the first six months of 1982, the spokesman said the SSC paid a total of JD 295,000 to Arab and foreign nationals in lump sum reimbursements upon their leaving the country for good.

He said another JD 105,000 has been paid to 126 beneficiaries for medical treatment and temporary work stoppages.

## Jordan to attend social affairs ministers' meeting

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan will take part in the meetings of the Arab social affairs ministers executive board which will open in Ahu Dhabi early in October.

A report in the local press Wednesday said the board will discuss among other topics the implementation of a joint Arab strategy in social affairs which entails training personnel to serve in countries lacking social activities.

On the board are representatives from Jordan, Tunisia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, North and South Yemen and Mauritania.

## SSC to start distributing housing units next month

AMMAN (Petra) — The Social Security Corporation (SSC) will start distributing housing units of the Prince Talal Ibn Mohammad Housing Estate at Ruseifa and Yajoutz in the coming month, SSC Director-General Farhi 'Ubeid announced here Wednesday.

He said that a total of 252 units out of 504 will be distributed to labourers of the two regions who had sent in applications in accordance with SSC and Housing Corporation regulations.

The study is sponsored by UNESCO with the cooperation and coordination of a standing committee headed by the undersecretary of information and including Dr. Mazen Al Arnouti, director of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Yarmouk University and a representative from the Ministry of Labour. The study is part of a project Population Development Support for Jordan.

site to house labourers because basic services exist there. He said the SSC hopes to distribute these 1,000 units of 100 and 83 square metres each to low or medium income labourers employed in Amman, Ruseifa and Zarqa. The SSC intends to invest JD 40 million in this ambitious project.



SSC Director-General Farhi 'Ubeid

## Poultry production seminar ends

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day seminar on the production of poultry and eggs in the Arab World ended here Wednesday. Twenty participants from seven Arab states in addition to representatives of several organisations reviewed nine working papers and research projects submitted by Arab specialists in poultry and egg production.

These covered the Arab World's consumption and production of poultry and eggs from now until the year 2000 and measures to be taken to meet the increasing demand. At the final session, participants issued recommendations which included, among other things, a call for the establishment of a centre for conducting research to study ways of improving local poultry strains, conducting cross-breeding, studies for increasing productivity and relevant diseases, poultry breeding management and increasing poultry farms in Arab countries.

The seminar, held at the University of Jordan's Faculty of Agriculture, was organised by the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development.

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Extract of musk may be used to fight inflammation, and bear's gall bladder might be administered to stop bleeding.

The shaggy-haired yak, whose milk and meat form a major part of the diet of the 1.8 million Tibetans and whose butter fuels the millions of lamps in their Buddhist shrines, also has its medical uses. Its backbone, properly crushed and mixed with gold dust, is traditionally prescribed to Tibetan women as a contraceptive, though the doctors here admit that it does

not always work.

According to the classics of Tibetan medicine, backbone of mule can have the same effect.

"We have used this form of contraception," said Dr. Gongga

Pluochuo, the 77-year-old former monk who is deputy head of the hospital. The Mensikhang, in Central Lhasa. "But we cannot make it in large quantities because gold is difficult to get."

"Sometimes it works, but at other times it has no effect at all," he added. "Its effectiveness is connected with other things such as diet."

The hospital sometimes sends patients to Lhasa's Western-style hospital instead where they can obtain more reliable forms of contraception.

Not that family planning is compulsory among China's Tibetan ethnic minority as it is among

the "Han" Chinese majority. Although Yin Fatang, Tibet's Communist Party boss, recently said the region's population growth rate was too high.

The doctors at the Mensikhang, despite the 1,300-year-old history of Tibetan medicine, are simply aware of their limitations.

## Tibetan contribution

But they insist that far from being quacks or religious cranks, they have over the generations evolved combinations of animal, mineral and herbal medicine that are a valuable supplement to the medical science of the outside world.

Tibetan medicine is quite different from traditional Chinese medicine, which has also survived in China proper as a separate entity from modern Western-style

medicine.

With a little help from the Chinese and their sweeping Communist reforms, it has managed to separate from its origins of religious mysticism and superstition.

The doctors are no longer monks. The tantric spells and exorcisms are gone. No more do they teach that twins are sired by an evil spirit and so must be abandoned to die.

The Mensikhang now has 128 doctors and nurses and has moved into a new Chinese-style concrete building.

But the remedies of Tibetan medicine still include hot stream baths and blood-letting, as once practised in medieval Europe. One doctor said the second remedy was used to relieve ailments such as headaches, particularly in the spring.

A concoction including pow-

dered tiger bones was also supposed to cure arthritis, according Dr. Gongga.

Bear's gall bladder has the function of contracting the blood vessels and stopping bleeding," he added. "It can also be used when a wound festers, but if overused it can have a bad effect on the circulation and hinder urination."

He said common diseases in Lhasa included rheumatism, bronchitis, kidney disease, high blood pressure and stomach illnesses, but they were not necessarily due to high altitude.

The latter, Dr. Gongga said, were largely due to diet since Tibetans liked to eat raw meat and chillies and drank lots of chang, their traditional sweet barley beer.

One factor that has spurred on Tibetan medical know-how is the popular form of funeral ceremony, the celestial or sky burial, in

which the body is carved into small pieces and fed to vultures.

It is generally agreed that this has helped Tibetan doctors in their knowledge of anatomy and their understanding of the causes of death.

Before the Chinese army marched into Lhasa in 1951 on its mission of "peaceful liberation," the Mensikhang was in a fortress-like observatory on top of a hill overlooking the Potala Palace, seat of the Dalai Lama who fled into India in 1959 after an abortive anti-Chinese rebellion.

## Medicine and stars

The reason for this site was that Tibetan medicine is closely connected with the study of the stars. To this day, it still has a department researching into astronomy and astrology.

In the old days its monks also had the job of reading the stars to determine propitious days for various government activities. By rigid custom, they also blew into great horns three times a month and when duststorms obscured the sun.

But with the failure of the anti-Communist uprising and the subsequent communisation of Tibetan society, the hospital was closed and the lamas set to work in the countryside. When it reopened a year earlier, it was as a secular establishment and more repentant monks returned defrocked, as doctors.

Within five years, the work of the Mensikhang was again disrupted. It was virtually closed for over a decade during the cultural revolution from 1966-76 and many doctors were again sent to the fields.

Only in the past few years has it been able to start through scientific tests to see how effective are the thousands of traditional remedies laid down in four eighth century Buddhist medical tantras, which list 84,000 diseases grouped into 1,004 different categories.

Asked about the relevance of astronomy and astrology to medicine in the 20th century, Dr. Gongga's answers become obscure.

"The stars and man are closely related," he said. "The division of the year into four seasons is connected with the stars. People wear different clothes in each season and this affects people's health."

"Some of our herbs must be picked according to a certain month, a certain date or even at a certain hour," said his colleague. "And time is related to the study of astronomy and astrology."

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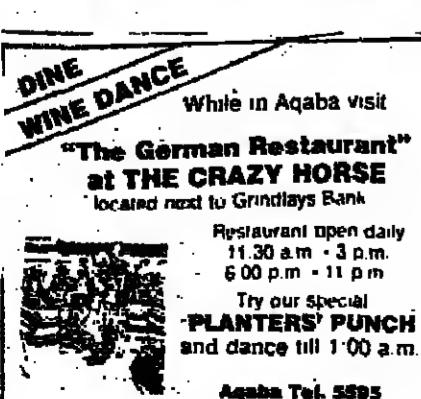


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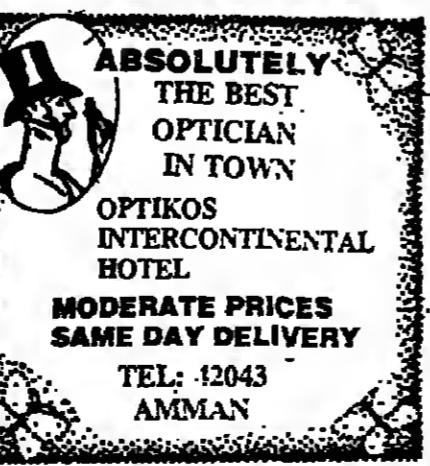
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## Shares fly high on Wall Street

LONDON (R) — Wall Street's best one-day rally in history lifted the gloom of recession from world stock markets Wednesday and sent shares and gold prices bounding ahead on hopes that interest rates have finally cracked.

Investors from Sydney to London joined a stampede for shares started in New York Tuesday by the influential economist Henry Kaufman, who backed away from his long-held pessimistic view that interest rates would rise later this year.

Mr. Kaufman, regarded on Wall Street as a great sage on the vagaries of interest rates, inspired a record one-day rise of 38.81 points to 831.24 in the Dow Jones industrial average, the key measure of the New York Stock Exchange performance, and this quickly spilled over Wednesday to other major markets.

In Tokyo, the second biggest stock market after New York, prices surged from a two-year low set only Tuesday and the market average recorded its best performance in some six months, rising 126.25 points to 6,990.81 in often frenzied trading.

The scramble for shares swept across markets in Singapore, Hong Kong, Sydney and Melbourne and carried over into Europe when markets opened. The London stock exchange's 30-share index opened 22.4

points higher in its biggest rally in nearly a year. At noon it was up 17.9 points at 576.1.

The last time the London market saw such a leap from the opening bell was also attributable to an American market guru, Joseph Granville, who last Sept. 28 advised subscribers to his newsletter to sell their shares. The next day prices recovered at a record rate on the London market.

The about-face by Mr. Kaufman, the chief economist for the Wall Street firm of Salomon Brothers, jolted the gold markets.

In London, bullion dealers set the morning gold price at \$352.10 an ounce, nearly \$1.3 higher than Tuesday's closing level. Gold dealers in Zurich reported heavy trading as money was switched out of interest-paying investments into gold.

On foreign exchange markets, expectations that the dollar would lose some of the attractions of high interest rates caused a fall against other major currencies.

The Japanese yen, which sank to a five-year low of 263.35 to the dollar Tuesday, traded at 260.10 in Tokyo and advanced to 259.50 in London.

In Frankfurt banks paid 2,4740 West German marks for each dollar, down from 2,5050. In Paris, the French franc was quoted at 6,9975 against 6,975 Tuesday, and in Geneva the Swiss franc

jumped to 2,1080 from 2,1450 Tuesday.

The pound sterling rose to \$1.7280 in London from 1.7085, although dealers said a cut in British Bank lending rates to 11 per cent Tuesday left it weaker against other European currencies.

Prices on the London metal exchange climbed on the interest rate prediction as dealers said investors saw it as a sign of renewed confidence in the recovery of the U.S. economy.

Copper prices jumped £27.50 (\$47.50) to £851 (\$1,470) a tonne on hopes that lower interest rates would revive the U.S. Housing industry, a major user of metals, after a two-year depression.

U.S. interest rates gave further evidence of decline this week when several major banks reduced to 14 per cent the lending rate charged to their prime corporate customers, the lowest level in nearly two years.

Although the rate has yet to gain general acceptance among American banks, analysts appear convinced that it will take hold and give the economy a lift.

Even investors in Frankfurt are in the general air of enthusiasm as share prices rebounded from a sharp drop Tuesday on rumours, later denied, that AEG-Telefunken, the troubled electronics firm, might be forced to declare bankruptcy.

## OPEC monitoring committee to meet in Vienna

VIENNA (R) — The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) influential market monitoring committee will meet in Vienna on Aug. 20, an OPEC spokesman told Reuters Wednesday.

The committee consists of the oil ministers of Algeria, Indonesia and Venezuela, and is chaired by the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates. It was set up by OPEC in March to advise it on the state of the world oil market.

Other countries can send observers to its meetings but the spokesman said that probably no observers would attend this session.

## Dramatic surge in Japanese share prices

TOKYO (R) — Japanese investors sent the Tokyo stock market surging ahead Wednesday with the market average making its biggest one-day gain in about six months. Weakening of the U.S. dollar against the yen in the foreign exchange market here lifted the stock market from the two-year low recorded Tuesday.

In dealing which at times was so frenzied that business in some shares had to be suspended, local investors traded 250 million shares as the market average jumped 126.25 points to close at 6,990.81, a dramatic reversal of a 75-point drop Tuesday.

Brokers said buyers were following the trend in Wall Street overnight, where share prices staged a record one-day gain on confidence that U.S. interest rates would continue to fall.

The weakened yen, which traded at a five-year low of 263.35

against the dollar Tuesday, recovered on the foreign exchange market to 260.10. Dealers said the Bank of Japan promoted the yen's rise by selling dollars to build up momentum.

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market was firm though equities were mostly below the early highs which followed the record rise on Wall Street Tuesday night, dealers said. At 1200 the F.T. index was up 20.2 at 578.4 after a rise of 22.4 at 1000.

Government bonds dipped briefly on Bank of England moves in the money market, seen by operators as an attempt to check the rapid fall in interest rates, but still ended around the day's highs, dealers added. Longer dates were up around three points and shorts 1½ points.

Shell ended up higher at 394 after second quarter figures and GEC rose 30p to 1085 in firm electricals.

Blue Circle recovered 12p of recent falls and Glaxo was 7p higher at 760 after 773. ICI and Hawker Siddeley rose 14p and 16p respectively. Gains of 9p to 13p were posted against BICC, BTR, Grand Met, Beecham, Bowater and Plessey.

Unilever, which reported interim figures Tuesday, firmed 20p to 625. Discount houses firmed in sympathy with government bonds, union rising 25p to 508. Banks followed the general trend with Barclays ending 15p higher at 383.

South African gold mines extended gains to as much as 50 as bullion traded just below the \$360 level.

## Reagan struggles for tax bill passage through House, Senate

WASHINGTON (R) — Faced with a revolt by conservative legislators, President Reagan is pressing hard for the passage through House and Senate this week of a controversial \$98.3 billion tax bill.

Mr. Reagan, himself a conservative Republican who said after winning the 1980 election that he did not come to Washington to raise taxes, has been forced to support the record revenue bill in order to reduce growing federal budget deficits.

The proposal to raise the revenues over three years is scheduled for a vote in the House of Representatives Thursday and, if passed, will be sent to the Senate for a vote.

Many conservative Republicans in the House are baulking at the prospect of raising taxes during the current U.S. recession. Taxes are also a touchy issue in a congressional election year.

Mr. Reagan Tuesday again met a group of congressmen at the White House to discuss the bill as he has done in recent weeks. He also sent a letter to Capitol Hill urging its passage.

He said in a televised speech to Americans on Monday night that defeat of the legislation would increase interest and unemployment rates and interfere with recovery from the recession.

Democrat Edward Kennedy, one of the Senate's liberal leaders, Tuesday joined Mr. Reagan in supporting the bill, which would raise revenues chiefly by closing loopholes in tax laws and forcing cheaters to pay up.

"The tax reform in this legislation includes many that I have favoured and fought for over a long period and reverse some of the most serious mistakes of the 1981 Reagan programme," said Mr. Kennedy, a possible contender for his party's nomination for president in 1984.

"We have moved far in the wrong direction in economic policy," he said.

Mr. Reagan said in a letter to a Republican Congressman that the tax bill should be passed.

He also again stressed his oft-repeated threat to veto any government spending bills which are passed by Congress and which he finds unreasonable.

In New York, the prominent business roundtable Tuesday said it had serious reservations about the tax bill, but urged its passage in order to complete work on a new budget.

The roundtable is composed of chief executive officers from 200 major U.S. corporations.

## Brussels reduces lending rates to 13%

BRUSSELS (R) — The Belgian National Bank cut its discount rate by half a point to 13 per cent Wednesday, signalling a further reduction in lending rates following the restabilisation of the Belgian franc on currency markets.

The National Bank said that the discount rate, or bank rate, would be set at 13 per cent from Thursday, after being at 13.5 per cent since July 29, when it was also lowered half a point.

The Belgian franc came under speculative pressure earlier this year, but dealers said it had been quiet on currency markets recently.

Wednesday's cut brings the discount rate back to the levels in March and early April, and will be welcomed by hard-pressed Belgian industry, struggling to shake off recession.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.728595	U.S. dollars	1.728595
One U.S. dollar	1.234447	Canadian dollars	1.234447
	2.473545	West German marks	2.473545
	2.723050	Dutch guilders	2.723050
	2.110020	Swiss francs	2.110020
	47.2427	Belgian francs	47.2427
	6,89509000	French francs	6,89509000
	185.0075	Italian lire	185.0075
	259.0075	Japanese yen	259.0075
	6,150525	Swedish crowns	6,150525
	6,660020	Norwegian crowns	6,660020
	8,626085	Danish crowns	8,626085
One ounce of gold	32.25323.00	U.S. dollars	32.25323.00

## Mexico starts debt rescheduling talks

MEXICO CITY (R) — Economically-crippled Mexico has begun talks on rescheduling its estimated \$17 billion short-term external debt and negotiated up to \$3.5 billion in foreign aid, Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog said Tuesday night.

Mr. Silva Herzog also confirmed at a press conference that Mexico, which closed foreign exchange dealing last Thursday, had approached the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for financing.

But he gave no details about the amount sought and stressed that the IMF were at a preliminary stage.

He added: "Any austerity programme would be on Mexico's terms and not those of the fund."

The finance minister also said that foreign exchange dealing would resume in Mexico Thursday.

Mr. Silva Herzog admitted that Mexico, which has a total foreign debt of \$80 billion, was facing grave problems "that will demand sacrifices from all."

He said the initial response from banks about rescheduling debts had been positive and listed a number of aid agreements completed or on the point of completion with foreign countries.

Mexico has received \$1 billion from the U.S. government in advance payment for planned increases in its oil sales to the United States. It currently sells about 800,000 barrels per day.

He also said a \$1.5 billion line of credit from Western central banks was at an advanced stage and that Mexico had received a \$1 billion facility from the U.S. Commodity Credit Corporation.

He said details about the reopening of the exchange markets would be given Wednesday but that a type of triple rate would be introduced.

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 19, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You could find confusion and muddled thinking exists due to planetary reasons and this could be a nonproductive day unless you channel your energies in constructive outlets.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make sure your regular activities are wisely scheduled and then carry through in a sensible manner. Be logical.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Obtain important information for a project you are interested in before you go ahead with definite plans. Be wise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) If you handle routine duties in a modern manner, you gain benefits. Study a new plan before making any changes.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Don't neglect important work early in the day. Try to cooperate more with co-workers. Strive for harmony.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Be sure you don't take on any heavy expenditures of money in the evening. Allow time to engage in creative activity.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Postpone going ahead with a new interest you have in mind. Wait until a better time. Evening is fine for recreation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Improve the foundation of your life so you can have more abundance in the days ahead. Get rid of annoying conditions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Iron out any problems with others in a quiet and tactful manner. Seek the company of congenials in the evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have to use careful thought in handling monetary affairs today. Use your intuitive faculties for best results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Use a different attitude in handling a puzzling situation and you get better results. Seek the company of friends tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have hidden desires that need more study before you pursue them. Strive for increased happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Some of your friends may have problems so be sure to give a helping hand. Show others you have practical wisdom.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who comprehends the problems of others and knows instinctively how to solve them. Be sure to give the best education you can afford to bring out this ability. A good life in this chart.

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FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 20, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to consider what you can do to increase the world acclaim that could be yours. You can easily get the support of influential persons by displaying your special skills.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to engage in civic duties that can be beneficial to your career. Evening is fine for social activity.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A new contact can now show you how to increase your effectiveness in your line of endeavor. Show that you have wisdom.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Find a way to make your relationship more satisfying with the one you love. Don't spend money foolishly.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) If you are more objective and discuss projects wisely, you can have increased success. Avoid any arguments.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Put aside amusements for the time being and attend to important duties. Take steps to improve your health and appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan the weekend wisely so that you are free of tensions. Spend more time with the one you love. Be happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time to improve the harmony at home and you will be richly rewarded later on. Use your artistic talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Employ the right systems and appliances that will make your work more efficient. Think constructively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study how to make your financial structure safer and sounder. A clever business expert can give you good advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A fine day to get together with good friends and have a delightful time. Don't neglect to pay an important bill.

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# WORLD

## Seychelles troops recapture national radio station from rebels

NAIROBI (R) — Seychelles troops Wednesday recaptured the national radio station where army rebels said they were holding more than 200 hostages, the government-run Seychelles News Agency announced.

In a brief telex despatch to Reuters, it said government forces had also captured an army base where a mutiny had taken place but gave no details about the hostages or any casualties.

Diplomatic sources contacted by telephone in the Indian Ocean archipelago said a member of the defence forces went on the air to announce the recapture of the radio station, which also houses the news agency.

The defence spokesman said some of the rebels had escaped with hostages and appealed to the population to report the whereabouts of any mutineers.

Mopping-up operations were continuing and a 24-hour curfew remained in force. The spokesman said that government troops had recaptured key installations in Victoria, the capital, the diplomatic sources reported.

The diplomatic sources

reported that Seychelles Defence Minister Ogilvy Berlouis said earlier Wednesday that defence forces would storm the radio station.

There was some scattered shooting in the early hours, the sources said, but little was heard in the period before the government announced the recapture of the radio station.

The Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops of the Seychelles both made appeals for a peaceful solution in broadcasts over the rebel-held station earlier in the day, the sources said.

They quoted the Anglican bishop as appealing to the population to build "a wall of prayer" around the hostages, who were held for more than 36 hours.

The radio announced that President Albert Rene, who returned Tuesday night from an outlying island, would broadcast to the nation later in the day, the sources said.

The rebels, complaining of mistreatment and demanding the dismissal of some defence chiefs, had called on President Rene to return to hear their grievances.

The news agency said in a later telex message that "the mutiny by a small group of people" at the Union Vale army camp on the outskirts of Victoria had been crushed but a few rebels were still at large.

"Irresponsible soldiers imprisoned those at the Union Vale camp who were not with them during the night of Monday and Tuesday and took control of the port and of Radio Seychelles," the agency said.

It added that loyal forces had to act with care in retaking the radio station because of the hostages and because the rebels had threatened to blow up the port, its petrol installations and other key buildings.

The agency quoted a statement from defence headquarters as saying that government forces had retaken control of the port, the cable and wireless office, the central police station, Union Vale army camp and Radio Seychelles.

"The Peoples' Defence force expects the situation to return to normal with law and order re-established in a short while," the statement said.

### Tanzanian reinforcements

Diplomatic sources outside the Seychelles said they had information that Tanzanian reinforcements had been flown to the Seychelles during the night to help put down the rebellion.

Several hundred Tanzanian troops were already in the island chain under an agreement between President Rene's left-wing government and the Socialist leadership of Tanzania.

The sources said that in one broadcast Tuesday night the rebels appealed to other troops to rise up against "Tanzanian aggressors."

"The sources said Point Larue airport in the Seychelles remained closed and a Kenyan Airways flight there Thursday from Nairobi was cancelled.

It was not known how many fresh Tanzanian troops were flown into the Seychelles, but it was apparent from rebel broadcasts that the mutineers knew of their arrival, the sources said.

Airline sources said Point Larue airport in the Seychelles remained closed and a Kenyan Airways flight there Thursday from Nairobi was cancelled.

## Reagan says U.S. has not abandoned Taiwan

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States and China have taken steps to improve relations over Taiwan, but President Reagan has stressed that his administration has not abandoned the Taipei government.

Washington and Peking Tuesday issued a joint communiqué in which the United States agreed to reduce arms sales to Taiwan gradually in return for China's commitment to seek a peaceful reunification with the island.

But after congressmen and news reports attacked Mr. Reagan for changing his position on Taiwan, he telephoned a U.S. television network to stress the United States would uphold its "moral obligation" to Taiwan.

Mr. Reagan, who promised when he ran for office to stand by Taiwan which has long been a U.S. ally, told CBS news:

"There has been no retreat by me, no change whatsoever ... I am concerned about the possible harm these reports may do to our international relations."

"We will continue to arm Taiwan and will obey the Taiwan act," Mr. Reagan said.

The White House confirmed that the president felt compelled to complain about the CBS coverage of his decision to limit arms sales to Taiwan.

The communiqué represented a major step in repairing U.S.-Chinese relations, which had deteriorated over Peking's objections to the weapons sales. China views Taiwan as a province and

considers the sales an interference in its internal affairs.

Although the Reagan administration yielded some of China's pressures, it rejected Peking's demands for a deadline for the cutoff of arms sales and extracted a commitment that Peking would pursue peaceful efforts to reunite with Taiwan.

The president said arms sales now planned would continue in accordance with the Taiwan relations act passed in 1979 to regulate informal U.S.-Taiwanese relations.

Taiwan's reaction

TAIPEI (R) — A Taiwan newspaper Wednesday accused the United States of betraying the Nationalist government by succumbing to Peking's "blackmail" in Washington's decision gradually to end arms sales to this island.

The English-language China Post said: "The United States has fallen into the Chinese Communist trap ... thereby giving the Peking leaders the perfect excuse to advance their blackmail demands."

It said President Reagan had gone back on his promise to the American and Taiwanese peoples, adding: "He has just succumbed to Peking's blackmail and betrayed his own words of reassurance."

An official Taiwan statement deplored the U.S. decision was issued Tuesday night after the U.S. announcement earlier in the day.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### China's Islamic seminary reopens

PEKING (R) — China's only Islamic seminary has reopened in Peking after being closed since the beginning of the Maoist Cultural Revolution in 1966, the New China News Agency said Wednesday. Forty students have been accepted at the Institute of Islamic Theology, which first opened in 1955, it added. Lectures will begin next month. Last March, 10 Chinese students went to Al Azhar University in Cairo to study Islam, the first students to be sent abroad by the China Islamic Association since the Communist takeover in 1949, the agency said. The association had printed 160,000 copies of the Koran in the last two years for China's 13 million Muslims, it added. Since 1979 three groups of Chinese Muslims have made pilgrimage to Mecca, it said. China does not have diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia.

### Tremor hits southern Italy

ROME (R) — A strong earth tremor sent frightened residents scurrying into the streets early Wednesday morning in the southern Italian town of Taranto. Police said there were no reports of injuries or major damage to buildings. The quake, measuring approximately seven on the 12-point Mercalli scale which measures the effect of an earthquake rather than its strength, had its epicentre in the sea off the southern cape of Spartivento, according to seismologists. In Uppsala, Sweden, the Seismological Institute reported an earthquake in the south-east Mediterranean off the island of Crete, registered at 2300 GMT Tuesday and measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale.

### Reuter correspondent dies at 63

LONDON (R) — Ronald J. Batchelor, the most widely travelled of Reuter correspondents, died at his home in Sussex, England, Tuesday after a long illness. He was 63. Batchelor, who joined the world news organisation in 1948, served on all continents in his distinguished career as a Reuter correspondent and news executive. As well as his political and business reporting he was respected as a boxing correspondent, covering many of the world championship fights during the Muhammad Ali era. He covered the Korean War in 1950 and 1951 before moving to Cairo and then was in Nairobi for most of the Kenya emergency in the 1950s. Batchelor served two tours in North America, as general reporter based in New York and later as chief Reuter correspondent in Chicago. He is survived by his widow Jo.

### Innocent robot jailed in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (R) — It was spotted Tuesday night walking along the exclusive Beverly Drive in Los Angeles with a slightly jerky stride, lights flashing from the top of its skull. A policeman was called to the scene and tried to question the 1.2 metres tall, unidentified walking object (UWO), but to no avail. The policeman promptly called a van and the suspect—a robot—was hauled off to Beverly Hills police station. "The device was being operated by remote control, but the operator refused to come forward and identify himself," a police sergeant said. "So the robot is spending the night in the station."

## Parcel bomb kills exiled South African Communist in Mozambique

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Exiled South African Ruth First, killed by a parcel bomb in Maputo Tuesday, was regarded by many as the white woman who was the intellectual power behind the banned African National Congress (ANC).

She and her husband Joe Slovo, both hardline Marxists, were believed by security officials here to be key figures in planning sabotage attacks in South Africa.

Ruth First, 59, was one of the first people detained under South Africa's stringent security laws and in 1956 was arrested for high treason, although the charge was dropped two years later.

Later she was restricted to the

Johannesburg area under the Suppression of Communism act and two magazines she edited were banned.

Her subsequent detention in 1963 led her to write "117 days", a classic story of solitary confinement. She was allowed to leave South Africa the following year.

Mr. Slovo, a former Johannesburg advocate, was reported here to have organised guerrilla training camps in Mozambique for those who left South Africa. Ruth First was worshipped by many South African exiles who referred to her as "the high priestess of the South African Communist Party."

She was also a noted author and

won praise for her examination of apartheid in "the barrel of a gun."

At the time of her death, she was a lecturer at Maputo University in Mozambique.

There has been no official comment in South Africa on her death but reports about her were displayed prominently in all the major newspapers.

An official of the Mozambique security services was quoted as saying the parcel bomb attack resembled others in Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Zambia "which were proved to be the work of the South African Secret Services."

## Angolan rebels to free foreign captives

BRUSSELS (R) — The Angolan opposition guerrilla movement (UNITA), will release 14 foreigners captured during military operations in southern Angola, a UNITA spokesman said here Wednesday.

Fernando Wilson dos Santos, UNITA's information secretary, told a press conference the decision was taken at a congress of the UNITA held at Mavinga, southern Angola, last month.

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However, Zogby said he felt compelled to call a press conference to explain the programme after news reports Aug. 16 quoted an Israeli official as branding the committee's programme as propaganda.

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He declined to name the department officials who had given the assurances.

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